

## House Resolution 2128

By: Representative Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Joe Wright for his service to the community; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Joe Wright is the recipient of a Heart of the Community award sponsored by  
3 the Redmond Regional Medical Center and produced by the Heart of the Community Board  
4 of Governors; and

5 WHEREAS, one of 17 children, Joe Wright was born in Centre, Alabama, in 1932 to Glennie  
6 and Mark Wright. He graduated from Cherokee County Training School and the John A.  
7 Gupton School of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tenn. Filled with entrepreneurial spirit,  
8 Wright worked to become the founder, owner, and operator of Wright's Memorial Mortuary,  
9 a mainstay in the Rome business community since 1971; and

10 WHEREAS, like fellow founding members of the Progressive Roman Organization—a  
11 service organization comprising prominent African-American men—Joe Wright has been  
12 a fearless leader in the community. He believed it was imperative for the Progressive Roman  
13 Organization to provide students with scholarships and other families with services in the  
14 community. He was a past president of the Floyd County Chapter of the NAACP, and served  
15 on numerous boards over the years including the American Red Cross, The South Rome  
16 Community Association, DFACS, and the Salvation Army. He presently serves as a  
17 commissioner on the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority Board of Directors. He rarely  
18 allowed anyone to mention his awards, commendations, and recognitions, both locally and  
19 statewide; and

20 WHEREAS, a spiritual leader, Joe Wright continues to be a major force inside Rome,  
21 pushing for health and wellness, for research into illnesses that impact all members of the  
22 community. Reared in a household with multiple siblings, he grew up with healthy  
23 competition. He knows what nourishes the human spirit. He is rock steady in times of need,  
24 a rallying point, a social activist and political leader willing to help without recognition.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend Joe Wright for his service to the community and wish  
3 him continued good health and happiness.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Joe Wright.